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AMENDMENT B IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS,

SIR:

This Amendment B is in response to the final Office action dated May 4, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.